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LETTER DATED 31 MARCH 1992 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I.
OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On insructions from my Government, I should like to inform you that United States aircraft persisted in their violations of Iraqi airspace for purposes of observation and provocation during the period 20 to 27 March 1992.

20-21 March 1992

Nineteen sorties, flow by nine two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 720 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,000 to 6,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Zakho and Sinjar. At 1216 hours on the same day, two Jaguar aircraft approached the runway at Firnas airfield at a speed of 500 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of five metres.

22-23 March 1992

Thirteen sorties, flown by five two-aircraft formations and three single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 2,000 to 6,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Ayn Zalah, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

23-24 March 1992

Eleven sorties, flown by five two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 720 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 6,000 to 7,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Amadiyah and Tall Afar.

24-25 March 1992

Twenty-two sorties, flown by 11 two-aircraft formations at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,000 to 7,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Amadiyah, Dukan, Zakho and Rawanduz. On the same day, a formation of two United States aircraft penetrated south of the 36th parallel at a speed of 720 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 4,000 metres to a depth of 9 kilometres north of the Qiyarah area.

25-26 March 1992

Twenty-one sorties, flown by 10 two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 3,000 to 6,500 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Rawanduz and Tall Afar.

26-27 March 1992

Twenty-one sorties, flown by 10 two-aircraft formations and one single aircraft at speeds of 600 to 750 kilometres per hour and at altitudes of 4,000 to 7,000 metres, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Rawanduz, Dohuk, Amadiyah and Tall Afar.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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